



**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of: **TIEDJE *et al.***

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Examiner: **Bausch, Sarae L**

Entitled: **Microbial identification chip based on DNA-DNA hybridization**

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 1, 2005**

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office action of July 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.